

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/10/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932 or Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an amendment to the contract with Hani Boutros, M.D. for FY 2014-15 to extend the contract through June 30, 2015 to provide medical services to Mental Health patients. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve an amendment to the contract with Hani Boutros, M.D. for FY 2014-15 to extend the contract through June 30, 2015 to provide medical services to Mental Health patients.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$168,556.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$168,556.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent    { } Presentation                      { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )    { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions    { X } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required        { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A    Date: <u>7-8-14</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 2/10/2015

SUBJECT: Request to approve an amendment to the contract with Hani Boutros, M.D. for calendar year 2015 to extend the contract through June 30, 2015 to provide medical services to Mental Health patients. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve an amendment to the contract with Hani Boutros, M.D. for calendar year 2015 to extend the contract through June 30, 2015 to provide medical services to Mental Health patients.

## **DISCUSSION**

Behavioral Health Services has a need for a medical doctor on a part-time contract basis at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) to provide limited medical duties including medical histories and physicals (H&P) and sick calls for clients at the PHF. Medical doctor services are necessary to ensure mandated medical services as well as providing medical supervision at the PHF as provided for in the California Code of Regulations Title 9, Division 1 Section 785.11. Coverage is only required on a part-time basis which makes the use of a contract medical doctor the most effective method of providing necessary services as opposed to hiring a full or part time staff doctor who may not be able to cover the weekend, evening, or on-call duties that a contractor can.

The availability of a contract medical doctor to perform necessary medical duties allows for the flexibility to provide mandated services but puts the county under no obligation to utilize these services except as mandated. The contracted medical services have proven to be an essential component in the Department's staffing plan for many years.

The contract for Dr. Boutros was originally written with a term of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and approved by your Board on July 8, 2014. It was anticipated that a request for proposal (RFP) for a new doctor or medical practice would identify a new source to provide these necessary medical services, however the RFP did not produce any viable contractors. A new RFP has been issued with a closing date of February 13, 2015. If a potential contractor is identified, the contract would likely be for FY 2015-16. Meanwhile, however, we must extend the current contract with our existing contractor to provide these mandated services.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contracts as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The rate of pay for the medical doctor continues to be \$106.50 per H&P and \$71 per sick call. For duties performed aside from an H&P or sick call, the medical doctor will continue to be paid \$71 per hour. The recommended agreement includes no cap on the services the contractor is able to provide. However, for FY 2014-15, it is expected that the cost of these services will not exceed the budget of \$168,556.

## **RESULTS**

Medical services are an integral part of PHF operations, and a critical component to the overall effort to provide quality client care. The medical doctor, along with other contracted nurse practitioners, is licensed and trained to provide examinations and prescribe the medications needed by mental health clients to help control medical symptoms. For the

period July 2014 through December 2014, the medical doctor provided a total of 360 services. Of those 360 services, 151 were H&P's (139 unique individuals) and 209 were sick calls (94 unique individuals) provided to clients in the PHF. Without these services, Behavioral Health could not meet State mandates for medical support services or properly prescribe and monitor medications for medical conditions. Contracting with a medical doctor contributes to the County meeting legal staffing requirements 100% of the time.

Providing medical doctor coverage throughout the County contributes to proper care and oversight of client treatment. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Dr. Boutros Contract Amendment 2015